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1. Leipzig Headquarters. Vehicles [redacted] were observed on
5 Mar 54; [redacted] personnel car; [redacted] personnel car; [redacted] truck. 25X1
Guards wear red facings with black borders; no small arms. Guards at the
Richterstrasse 8 building carry small arms. 25X1
2. Heiterblick Barracks, Leipzig, 5 Mar 54: two-man posts along the garages, armed
with machine pistols; roving sentry with machine pistol at the sou [redacted]
Men wore black shoulder boards with red borders. Guard at west gate wore trans-
port service insignia. The garrison numbers 1,000 to 1,200 men. There is a tank
drivers' school with three T 34/85s behind the barracks. Vehicles with the fol-
[redacted] were observed; [redacted] truck; [redacted] truck; [redacted] truck; 25X1
[redacted] truck for the driving school. 25X1 25X1
3. Hindenburg Barracks, Leipzig. Guards wear blue shoulder boards with black borders,
and air force insignia. Garrison about 300 men. Firing instruction in the court-
yard was observed on 5 Mar 54. No vehicles observed. 25X1
4. Treitschke Barracks, Leipzig. Sentries stand on a raised lookout. They wear red
shoulder boards with black borders. Garrison about 500 men. Vehicles [redacted]
[redacted] were observed on 5 Mar 54; [redacted] truck; [redacted] truck; 25X1
[redacted] truck; [redacted] Firing instruction was going on. 25X1
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5. Train, 5 Mar 54. Guards wear black shoulder boards with red borders and transport service insignia. Garrison about 400 men. Vehicles [redacted] 25X1 25X1
[redacted] were observed; [redacted] truck; [redacted] ambulance [redacted] 25X1 25X1
6. Post Hospital, Leipzig, 5 Mar 54. Sentries wear black shoulder boards with red borders; no insignia; no small arms. There are about 200 men here. Vehicles [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] were observed; [redacted] personnel car; [redacted] 25X1 personnel car. 25X1
7. Schönewitz Barracks, 9 Mar 54. Guards at east and middle gates wore black shoulder boards with red borders; no insignia; no small arms. Garrison numbers between 1,200 and 1,500 men. Training with 120 mm mortars was being conducted with four groups of seven men each. Four other groups of 12 men each were being given firing instruction in the grounds. Vehicles [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] were observed. Also [redacted] 25X1
heavy armored reconnaissance car [redacted] 25X1 25X1
8. Grdruff. On 3 Mar 54 four light armored reconnaissance cars came from the direction of Weimar, each drawing a gun of about 50 mm caliber. [redacted] 25X1
The guns had funnel-shaped muzzle-brakes and [redacted] 25X1
barrels about 3 to 3.5 meters long. A little later there followed a truck with a closed body and a cone-shaped radar antenna of about 40 cm diameter mounted in front and somewhat elevated. Behind this followed 12 other trucks without antennae. [redacted]
The convoy proceeded to the Grdruff troop training grounds. 25X1
9. Red Army at Weimar. Headquarters are at the corner of Abraham Lincolastrasse and Freiheitsplatz. About 30 officers are stationed here. The MVD headquarters are at the corner of Friedrich Engels Ring and Florian Geyerstrasse. Army military security headquarters are located in Gramschstrasse opposite Schreberstrasse. About 25 people are stationed here. The chief is a major [redacted] 25X1
The army staff is in Sophienhaus in Hegel and Humboldtstrasse. The billeting and administrative section is in Riessnerstrasse. Sixteen officers and about 30 men are stationed here. 25X1
10. Tannenberg Barracks. These barracks are outside Weimar in the wood Unter der Kastanien. About 400 men of an engineer and an antiaircraft battalion are quartered here. Vehicles [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] were observed on 9 Mar 54. [redacted] 25X1
11. Ammunition Depot. This is also outside Weimar in the wood, close to the Tannenberg barracks. It consists of four deep dugouts and three large barrack buildings. The depot is run by the Soviet forces but also supplies ammunition to the Volkspolizei. It is guarded by the Volkspolizei. There is a garrison of about 500 military Volkspolizei (infantry) in the barracks Unter den Kastanien at the corner of Am Herrenröden. 25X1
12. Army Car Park. The car park adjoins the Volkspolizei barracks. A maintenance company and 11 repair trucks are stationed here.
13. Replacement Depot. This depot, where arms and spare parts for cars are kept, is in Am Herrenröden at the corner of Eitersburgerstrasse adjoining the car park. About 60 men are stationed here.
14. Field Kitchens and Bakeries. These are in Eitersburgerstrasse, adjoining the car park and replacement depot. Altogether, 76 soldiers are employed here.

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15. Supply Depot. This depot is in the former infantry barracks bordering on Unter den Kastanien and Am Herrenröden. About 120 men are stationed here.
16. Former Infantry Barracks. They are located Unter den Kastanien, corner of Lützendorferstrasse. Four H-shaped buildings house the army hospital; five H-blocks are quarters for a motorized regiment; one H-block is occupied by the army central postal station. About 2,000 men are quartered in these barracks. Vehicles [redacted] were observed on 11 Mar 54; [redacted]
17. Former Müller Barracks. They are located in Leibnitzallee and are occupied by a signal battalion.
18. Hospital for severe cases. At the corner of Lützendorferstrasse and Kttersburgerstrasse. At the present time it has about 120 patients.

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